road works approved under Phases I to IV of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) have been completed. The work is in progress in respect of the remaining 113 road works.

(c) As per the Core Network data furnished by the State Government, Bang Cheri is under connected status and thus, is not eligible to be taken up under the PMGSY for New Connectivity.

Job Cards under NREG Act, 2005

2690. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:
SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many job cards have been issued so far in the identified districts by the Gram Panchayats, where National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005, is being made applicable;

(b) what is the ratio of men and women of such Job Card Holders; and

(c) have the Gram Panchayats appointed and counsellors who have expertise in educating the prospective applicants to fill up the application forms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURAKANTA PATIL): (a) As per the reports received from Governments, 16122466 jobs cards have been issued by Gram Panchayats as on 26.4.2006.

(b) the NREG Act has been implemented with effect from 2.2.2006. Each rural household is issued a Job Card on demand. Separate figures for men and women workers who have been issued job cards are not being maintained because the job card is for the Rural household as a whole, not for individuals.

(c) There is no provision under the NCEG Act for appointment of Counsellors by the Gram Panchayats for educating applicants for filling up the application forms. The NREG guidelines, however, provide for appointment of an employment guarantee assistant call the "Gram Rozgar Sevak" who would be assisting in the process of registration, distribution of job cards, dated receipts against job application etc.